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Sent: 5/8/2018 5:43:33 PM
To: Overbey, Dian [Overbey.Dian@epa.gov]
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Subject: FW: Oxitec

Greg, I think Dian is out of the office – I had mentioned a few weeks ago in passing to Dian about possibly doing an OPP Update for the reopening of the comment period for Oxitec. Not sure if it was raised during one of the comms calls or by another route but Linda S. is asking how folks will know it's open. I think it's listed on OPP's page "what's open for comment", right?

Do you recall if this was raised? No big deal, if not, perhaps we should check with the comms folks in OCSPP if they would like us to do one.

Thanks



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From: McNally, Robert
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Subject: Fwd: Oxitec

Did we do an OPP update?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
Date: May 8, 2018 at 1:20:24 PM EDT
To: "Sisco, Debby" <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>, "Dinkins, Darlene" <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>, "Han, Kaythi" <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>, "Siedschlag, Gregory" <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>, "Messina, Edward" <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
Cc: "Keigwin, Richard" <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>, "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>, "Keller, Kaitlin" <keller.kaitlin@epa.gov>, "McNally, Robert" <McNally.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Oxitec

+ Bob McNally

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>; Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
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Do folks know what targeted outreach is planned for this from OPP or R4? Who is the right contact for this in OPP and R4?

Thanks very much. See Nancy Beck's questions below.

Linda

From: Beck, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 11:24 AM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
Cc: Keller, Kaitlin <keller.kaitlin@epa.gov>; Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>; Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Bolen, Derrick <bolen.derrick@epa.gov>
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How will people know its extended?

Can we ensure outreach to the regions where the EUP would be used? FL, TX and elsewhere?

Kaitlin- can you reach out to them regarding the requested meeting?

Thanks.

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From: Strauss, Linda
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I don't think we should do a listserv b/c we're just extending the comment period.

I'll pass along to R4 and see what targeted/geographic outreach they are doing. OPP likely knows this too.

Linda

From: Beck, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2018 10:50 AM
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Well the FR was out today.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "support@fkec.org" <support@fkec.org>
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To: "Beck, Nancy" <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Oxitec

Hi Nancy,

Thank you so much for reaching out to assure we were informed. We realize the standard notification process is via the the FR, but does the EPA ever reach out to local media with either a direct Press Release, or courtesy email of some sort direct communication to media in the community affected, to let them know that there is a subject of interest for their citizens. Both Monroe County, FL and Harris County, TX has citizens who need to be aware and the FR is not something that even the press follows well. We feel the EPA provides a larger and more readily published voice that would reach deeper into these communities with standing on this issue.

As the EPA science team begins the investigation. We would welcome a chance in the next 45 to 60 days to discuss the

evaluation of the OX513A EUP application and the safety concerns we feel have not been address in prior reviews.

Our groups within the Coalition are very focused on the scientific evaluation of this technology and as you may be aware we have embraced other Sterile Insect Techniques, that provide a clearer understanding of risk and benefits than the historical Oxitec OX513A field trial applications have in the past. We have been working on this issue for over 7 years, so the knowledge within our work is deep and some of the discoveries that our member have made, we believe will help the comprehensive outcome of the EPA's considerations surrounding the Oxitec EUP Application.

Given the new comment period will close in mid June, perhaps a 3rd week of June, or second week of July meeting (trying avoiding any holiday conflicts) will provide an opportunity for your team to meet a few of our key contributors and discuss our concerns. We are hopeful that this will include representatives from Harris County as well, but the awareness in that community is very low, hence our questions about the public relations/ Press Release outreach.

Thanks again for your direct outreach initiative to us and you and your team's commitment to service. We look forward to an opportunity to meet in person.

Sincerely,

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On May 8, 2018, at 8:26 AM, Beck, Nancy
<Beck.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Barry,
Thank you for your input. We have reopened/extended the comment period.
The FR notice announcing the extension is
here: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-08/pdf/2018-09777.pdf?utm_campaign=subscription%20mailing%20list&utm_source=federalregister.gov&utm_medium=email

Regards,
Nancy

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Subject: Oxitec

Dear Nancy,

We realize you are the team lead on the OX513A Oxitec Genetically Modified Mosquito (GMM) evaluation. While there are many comments being worked on, there is also not an ample amount of time for people to respond with the quality of comments needed to support the investigative level we feel this technology and this particular company should be viewed with.

The most recent proposal expands venues and seems to have changes in both claims and process for testing these mosquitoes. While it is not appropriate to go into deep discussions here, we do feel it appropriate that the EPA should afford ample time for groups like ours to work with our members and assemble the scientific input that will help the EPA perform with the most current observations, data and concerns. We humbly ask that the comment period be expanded to a minimum of 60 days in total.

Oxitec has had years to perfect their story, ever evolving as it may be. We are the affected citizens and have witnessed the difficulty of combating the resources of a \$4B company with just your passions, communication network and intellect. We do however represent the best of what our nation is about, the people asking relevant and challenging questions, most of which Oxitec has not answered over the 6 plus years that we have been engaging them.

Please afford the public additional time to present a clearer picture of Oxitec, along with the concerns and questions we should all be asking.

My sincere thanks,

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